



2007 ARMED FORCES MEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current United States of America Rugby Football Union Rules (USA Rugby), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Committee (AFSC).
2. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Single round robin, followed by consolation and championship matches.
3. **DRAW:** As determined by AFSC (Game schedule in paragraph 7 is based on draw conducted at the **previous year's** Armed Forces Championship): USA (1); USCG (2); USMC (3); USN (4); and USAF (5).
4. **SCORING:** IAW current USA Rugby Rules.
5. **DURATION OF MATCHES AND TIE-BREAKER POLICY:**
 - a. Round Robin Matches: Played in 30-minute halves with a 10 minute halftime break.
 - b. Tie Breaker following Round-Robin Play: Head-to-head record of teams involved; points for and against all teams; total converted tries.
 - c. Consolation and Championship Matches: Played in 40-minute halves, with a 10 minute halftime break.
 - d. Tie Breaker for Consolation and Championship Matches: Play two 10 minute overtime periods with a three minute interval between halves. If not decided use head-to-head competition between teams. If still tied use points for and against all teams. If no decision use converted total converted tries. Last, use a coin toss to determine winner.
 - e. Drawn Matches: Drawn matches in the Round Robin competition shall be declared a tie.
6. **GAME BALL AND EQUIPMENT:** IAW current USA Rugby Rules. Ball must adhere to current USA Rugby Rules. Ball to be used is to be publicized by the host service 60 days prior to the Armed Forces Championship. All footwear (boots), including those with alloy safety studs, must be in compliance with current USA Rugby Rules.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday Teams Arrive

Tuesday Team Photos
Opening Ceremony Rehearsal (Optional)
Team Practice Sessions
Organizational Meeting

Note: Team members attending the Informal Ice Breaker are required to wear their service polo shirt with slacks (color determined by Service), and appropriate foot wear (no sneakers and sandals). Male personnel cannot wear earrings.

Wednesday 0800-0830 Opening Ceremony (Optional) – However, the National Anthem must be played prior to the opening match.

0900 Match 1 USA vs. USCG

1030 Match 2 USMC vs. USN

1200 Match 3 USA vs. USAF

1400 Match 4 USCG vs. USMC

1530 Match 5 USN vs. USAF

Thursday 0900 Match 6 USA vs. USN
1030 Match 7 USCG vs. USAF
1200 Match 8 USMC vs. USA
1400 Match 9 USCG vs. USN
1530 Match 10 USMC vs. USAF

Friday 1100 Match 11 Consolation Match
1300 Match 12 Championship Match

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final match) Service teams are required to wear like-Service issued team apparel or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony (except footwear). Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards Ceremony is conducted in conjunction with the Informal Ice Breaker, then all Service Members must comply with Ice Breaker dress policy.

Saturday Teams Depart

8. TEAM STANDINGS: Based on tournament win-loss record or tie breaker procedures.

9. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the team trainer and Team Captain) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament: An “All-Tournament” team is selected of the best 15 best players by position of the tournament. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special “All Star” memento to present to each member of the “All-Tournament” team.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 30 individuals

25 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

2 Certified Athletic Trainer

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Only participants on the Official Service Roster can be on the Sidelines.

Note: If a player is ejected, that player is ineligible for the remaining matches of the championship and the overall roster is reduced by one. This player is now a non-participant, and cannot be on the sidelines, and will not be considered for the All Star Team.

11. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT: The AFSWG members, or designated representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the Armed Forces team for higher-level competition. The following guidelines are used in the selection process:

a. The initial selection for the All-Tournament Team and the Armed Forces Team will be conducted as a paper ballot, submitted simultaneously by each Service Representative to the host project officer at the beginning of the selection meeting. Submitted ballots are final. Ties will be discussed by the selection panel to finalize the selections.

b. Most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, will be selected.

c. Service representatives reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or availability.

Note: Coach Selection Policy - The Service Representatives on site will select the coach of the Armed Forces Team for higher competition. The Service Representatives will also select the assistant coach. Coaches for Armed Forces teams must be selected from the pool of coaches who participated at the respective Armed Forces Championship at that position. In the event all coaches are unavailable to advance to higher level competitions, Working Group members will move to find a qualified replacement(s). If replacement(s) cannot be obtained within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team will not participate.

12. FORMS AND ROSTERS: All participants at this level must sign a code of conduct letter prior to the organizational meeting.

